

The Brighton Connection

March - April 2014

HELP FOR HOMES NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HOMES IN NEED OF REPAIR

Help for Homes (HFH) brings volunteers and neighbors together to perform yard work, paint or fix-up homes needing minor exterior repairs. If you are in need of small fix-ups or painting for your



home, you may qualify depending on your income level, if you own your home, are age 60 or older, or are permanently disabled. Once approved, materials and labor will be provided to get those repairs done. This is a community project where neighbors pitch in to improve their neighborhood. The work is free to those who qualify. Applications are available by calling Ernie or Sue at 303-655-2075. You can

also pick up an application beginning Feb. 24 at the Eagle View Adult Center, 1150 Prairie Center Parkway. Homeowners needing assistance can submit applications through March 27. Approximately 15-20 homes will be selected. The event will take place on May 3.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to help with the repairs on Saturday, May 3. You can put together a team of 8-10 friends, family and co-workers, or join a team that is already helping. If you can scrape, paint, do yard work or perform minor home repairs, we need you... your neighbors need you!! Call Sue at 303-655-2075 for volunteer applications.

Help for Homes is jointly sponsored by Brothers Redevelopment Inc., and the City of Brighton. Funding provided by the Legacy Foundation and Starbucks.

New interchange proposed

The City of Brighton is proposing to construct a new interchange at I-76 and Bridge Street (SH 7). Bridge Street provides east-west connectivity through the City of Brighton and is a critical roadway link between the cities of Brighton, Broomfield, Lafayette, and Boulder. The project team is currently evaluating and refining alternatives to address congestion, provide regional connectivity, and improve traffic operations at adjacent interchanges.

The project was submitted to the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) early in the fall of 2013. This step was necessary for inclusion in the fiscally constrained Regional Transportation Plan and allows the project to move into the next phase of environmental clearance. Many interchange alternatives were assessed and compared based on the project's purpose, need and evaluation criteria. The Environmental Assessment (EA) is underway and will document the impacts to resources, including mitigation strategies, for three alternatives. The EA is expected to be complete in the early part of the summer 2014 and will identify a preferred alternative.

The three alternatives are similar in terms of operations and impacts. At this point, the local community favors the alternative shown in **Figure 1**. This alternative includes a single roundabout on the east and a single roundabout on

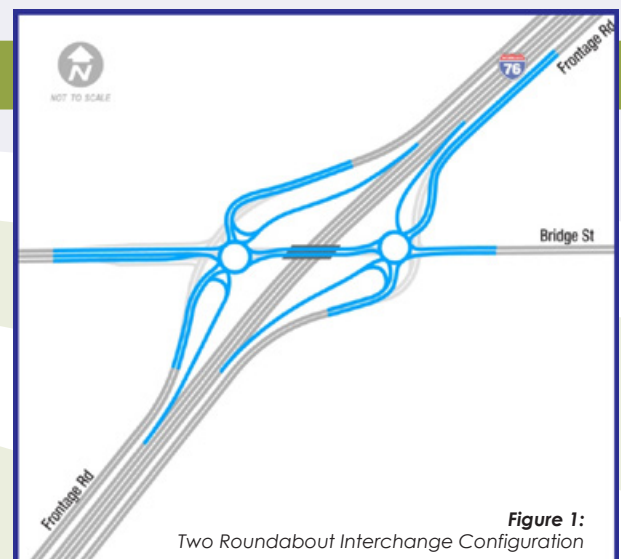


Figure 1:

Two Roundabout Interchange Configuration

the west side of I-76. The roundabouts have a significant advantage over other alternatives; they can accommodate large vehicles, reduce the number of access points by consolidating the legs into one roundabout design, they are safer than traditional intersections, operate at a high level of service, eliminate stops and backups onto I-76 and Bridge Street, require less right of way and will work well at this location without any impacts to the existing Bridge. This alternative can accommodate traffic projects into the year 2035.

For additional information and project updates, visit www.brightonco.gov/605/I76-and-Bridge-Street-Interchange-Project

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THE GREEN CORNER

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

found in Colorado



What is Emerald Ash Borer?

An invasive insect responsible for the death or decline of tens of millions of ash trees in 21 states has been detected in Colorado for the first time. It was confirmed in Boulder, Co., August 2013.

Is EAB in Brighton?

As of January 21 EAB has NOT been confirmed or detected in Brighton. For the last five years Brighton has been working with the USDA by setting pheromone traps designed to attract EAB.

How can EAB be prevented from coming into Brighton?

Do NOT move firewood! EAB more than likely came from out-of-state firewood movement. It is absolutely crucial to not transport firewood from one region to another.

How can I prevent EAB from attacking my ash tree?

If you think you have EAB in your ash trees, or if you have any questions or concerns, or would like additional information, please contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 888-248-5535 or email CAPS.program@state.co.us

Website Information:

- Colorado-specific information can be found at www.colorado.gov/ag/dpi and click on "Emerald Ash Borer."
- www.emeraldashborer.info
- You can also contact Brighton City Forester Kyle Sylvester at 303-655-2089 or email ksylvester@brightonco.gov for more information.

Winter Watering Tips

Any four of these scenarios can lead to trouble for many shallow rooted plants and evergreens during the winter months:

1. Dry air
2. Low Precipitation
3. Little soil moisture
4. Fluctuating temperatures

Newly planted trees and shrubs as well as evergreens can benefit greatly from winter watering.

Watering Guidelines:

- Water only when temperatures are above 40 degrees.
- Water before noon so water will have time to soak in before temperatures freeze again.
- Apply 10 gallons of water per diameter inch of the tree (a 2-inch tree would require 20 gallons of water).
- If using a deep root feeder, do not go any deeper than 12 inches as most roots are in the top 12 inches of the soil.
- One to two times per month watering should be sufficient, depending on the moisture we receive.
- If you use your hose to water don't forget to take it off the tap after use.

**In general, turf grass does NOT need to be watered during the winter months.*

Are You Ready for Spring Weather?

By Stephanie Hackett, Emergency Management Coordinator

As Colorado emerges from the historically snowiest month of the year (March!), we are hopefully starting to see the telltale signs of spring greeting us with April sunshine! But as the snow starts to melt and we start thinking of where to pack away our shovels and snow blowers, please remember that spring in Colorado, while beautiful, brings a new set of hazards and considerations. Spring marks the beginning of tornado season, and it's a great reminder to review your family safety plan.



Typically, most tornadoes occur between noon and 7 p.m. between the months of May and August, but tornadoes can happen almost anytime, anywhere. The State of Colorado ranks 9th in the country for the number of recorded tornado touchdowns. The City of Brighton utilizes a network of outdoor warning sirens used to alert residents of a potential threat in the area. These sirens are tested monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m., and alert tone sounds for one minute. During an actual event, the siren will sound for five minutes, promoting residents to seek shelter immediately and seek more information about the threat.

Do you know what to do when you hear a warning siren or receive information about a tornado warning in Brighton? Do you have a pre-designated area in your home for your family and pets to shelter during a tornado warning? Do you know how to continue to receive information about an emergency if your electricity and phone are not working?

For more information on creating a family emergency plan, and on accessing vital emergency information, please visit: www.brightonco.gov/Emergency-Management

Early announcement:

2014 Chemical Round-up and Electronic Waste events

The City of Brighton is once again proud to sponsor the 2014 Household Chemical Round-up & Electronic Recycling Events. If leftover combustible paint, pesticides and cleaning chemicals have been piling up in your basement or garage, you will soon have the opportunity to properly dispose of them. Mark your calendar:

Spring Event: Saturday, May 3

Water World, 1850 W. 89th Ave., Federal Heights (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Fall Event: Sat. Sept 20

Thornton IMC Facility, 12450 Washington St., Thornton (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

A \$25 contribution is requested to help offset the high cost of hazardous waste disposal. Recycling of electronics will be offered at both events for a small fee. Bring your utility bill, phone bill, or driver's license with your name and address. If you would like to volunteer at an event, call (720) 322-1508

For more information, call 303-846-6249 or visit www.tchd.org/householdchemical.htm

Eye for Art *Fascinating Visions* art show now open at City Hall

The City of Brighton Eye for Art program announces its *Fascinating Visions* art show now on exhibit at Brighton City Hall through June 6.

The community is invited to stop by and view the new artwork anytime between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon - Fri.

Rec Center Classes

Home Alone/First Aid

Dates: 3/24 & 4/25
Session#: 210001 F & G
Time: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Cost: \$40
Ages: 10-14 yrs

Baby Sitter Class

Dates: 3/21 & 4/19
Session#: 210001 C & D
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Cost: \$55
Ages: 11-15 yrs

Foam Rolling "Hands on Seminar"

Participants will receive education on self-myofascial release, usage and instruction.

Date: March 5
Session#: 511008B
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10
Ages: 15+

Registration for all activities is required.
Register online or at the Brighton
Recreation Center. For more information,
call 303-655-2200.



MORE INFO & BUY TICKETS at brightonarmory.org

New WaterSmart Program in 2014

Beginning in early 2014, with the aid of a grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, the City of Brighton will begin a yearlong conservation program targeted to individual customers.

Here is how it works:

Up to 4,000 metered single-family customers will be enrolled in the Program. WaterSmart will launch the program by sending a welcome letter to participating homes along with a print survey ("Customer Insight Survey") to each participating home that will provide information on water conservation habits, efficient fixture saturation, attitudes, and household characteristics. It will also ask for e-mail addresses to spur e-mail report capabilities. WaterSmart will deliver print or email Home Water Reports (for those who provide e-mails through the print survey) on a bi-monthly basis for one year. Each of the 4,000 accounts will receive six Home Water Reports. WaterSmart will deliver a total of up to 24,000 reports.

The Program's goals are to (i) reduce annual water demand, (ii) increase customer engagement, and (iii) improve levels of water education in enrolled households as compared to a randomized control group. WaterSmart anticipates that deploying its solutions across all of Utility's customer connections can yield significant water use savings relative to current utilization levels, through a combination of consumer behavior changes and installation of additional water-saving fixtures, appliances, landscaping and irrigation options.

For more info, contact the Utilities Dept. at 303-655-2033.

Fix a Leak Week: March 17 - 23

The City of Brighton is a proud EPA Water Sense partner and as such, we are promoting the sixth annual **Fix a Leak Week** from March 17 - 23. **Fix a Leak Week** is a reminder to everyone to check household plumbing fixtures for leaks. We want to encourage our customers to improve the water efficiency of their homes by checking for, and fixing leaks. This not only helps save our most valuable resource, but also saves money!

Did you know the average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons of water each year from easy-to-fix household leaks? But finding and fixing leaks is as easy as "check, twist, replace":

- **Check** for silent leaks in the toilet with a few drops of food coloring in the tank, and check your sprinkler system for winter damage.
- **Twist** faucet valves, tighten pipe connections, and secure your hose to the spigot.
- **Replace** old plumbing fixtures and irrigation controllers that are wasting water with WaterSense® labeled models that are independently certified to use less water and perform well.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.



March 17-23, 2014
Fix a Leak Week

REC CENTER NOW ACCEPTING PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS

The City of Brighton is offering reservations at 14 shelters in 2014. Parks that will accept reservations include Brighton (4 shelters), Benedict (4 shelters), Carmichael, BJAA, Farmer's, Dewey Strong, Donelson, and Pheasant Ridge.

Benedict Park is currently undergoing renovations with a new restroom, splash park & park shelter set to come on line for the 2014 season. The brand new splash park will be available and free to the public starting on May 26 and ending on Sept. 1. The hours of operation for the splash park are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. The new shelter at Benedict Park will be available for rent and is accessible from Skeel Street.



Reservations for Brighton, Benedict, and Carmichael parks will be accepted May 17 – Sept. 14, with the remaining shelters available June through August.

All shelters include access to restrooms, and most include electricity and a grill (bring your own charcoal). Brighton's park shelters are a great way to get family and friends outside to enjoy Colorado's best season. The fee to reserve a shelter is \$45 for city residents, and \$55 for nonresidents. The fee to reserve the new splash park is \$65 for city residents, and \$85 for nonresidents. There will be one reservation per-shelter, per-day. Reservations must be made two weeks in advance. Call 303-655-2200 for more information or to book a shelter.



Brighton Oasis Family Aquatic Park now accepting pavilion and after hours reservations

The Brighton Oasis, located at 1852 E. Bromley Lane, is now accepting reservations for its shaded pavilion. The Oasis will be offering birthday party packages for both 15 and 25 guests. These packages include a 2-hour pavilion reservation, admission to the facility, cake, soda, cups, plates, and utensils. For those who would like to reserve the pavilion without a package, it will be available to reserve on an hourly basis.



The Brighton Oasis also offers an after-hours rental option for those who are looking to reserve the park for a private party with their family and friends. This package includes a two-hour time slot from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and 100 admissions, with any additional admissions costing just \$3 per person. The Brighton Oasis opens for the season Memorial Day weekend.

Call 303-655-2200 for more information or to make a reservation.
Hurry! Weekends sell out fast!

Lifeguard Training



The Aquatics department is conducting a lifeguard training March 25-28. The cost is \$75.

Call 303-655-2200 to register.

Funshine Summer Camp registration begins April 10

Funshine Camp is an 8-week day camp that starts in June for youth ages 6 through 12. Camp is hosted at a Brighton elementary school and runs Monday through Friday. Participants enjoy outdoor activities, crafts, gym time, games, sports, field trips and swimming at the Brighton Oasis.

The regular hours program runs from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and the cost is \$545/child; Extended hours run from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and costs \$725/child. There is also a 27J use fee per child that hasn't been determined for the 2014 season at this time. A \$100 deposit is due at registration as well as required forms. Registration begins at 7 a.m. on Thursday, April 10 for residents; Friday, April 11 for non-residents.

Details and forms will be on the City of Brighton website mid-March with complete information in the Summer brochure.

Summer 2014 Registration Dates for the Brighton Recreation Center

Resident Registration:

-In person only
April 17 beginning at 7 a.m.
(within legal City limits with proof of residency)

Open Registration:

-In person only
April 18 beginning at 7 a.m.

Online Registration:

Brighton residents: April 17 at noon
Open Online Registration: April 18 at noon

Phone In Registration:

April 19 beginning at 7 a.m.

YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mayor Dick McLean
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Kirby Wallin, Mayor Pro-Tem, Ward 1
303-655-2261

Joan Kniss, Ward 1
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Rex Bell, Ward 2
303-655-2268

Cynthia A. Martinez, Ward 2
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Lynn Baca, Ward 3
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City Calendar

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Dates are subject to change.

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| 3 | Liquor License Authority meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall |
| 4 | City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall |
| 5 | Parks & Rec Advisory Board meeting, 5:30 p.m., Rec Center |
| 11 | City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall |
| 13 | Historic Preservation Commission meeting, 6 p.m., Hist. City Hall |
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| 12 | Eggstravaganza , 12 p.m., Rec Center |
| 15 | City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall |
| 19 | BYC S.P.E.A.K. 5k Walk |
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